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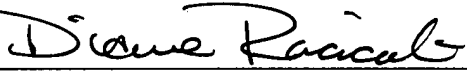
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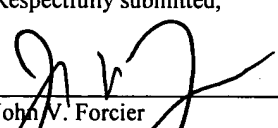
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the Patent Office on May 13, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response expires on June 13, 2004.

REMARKS

The Office action indicates that a restriction to one of the following claim groups is required: (I) claims 1-5 and 7-15, or (II) claims 16-17. Group I is directed to a pod door opener. Group II is directed to a kinematic tool interface.

Applicants hereby elect claim Group I (*i.e.* claims 1-5 and 7-15), expressly reserving the right to file one or more divisional application(s) directed to the subject matter of the remaining non-elected claims present in the application.